



FACT SHEET

About Naval Station Mayport, Florida

Homeporting of Additional Surface Ships at Naval Station Mayport

An Overview of Naval Station Mayport

Since its commissioning in December 1942, Naval Station (NAVSTA) Mayport has grown to become the third largest fleet concentration area in the United States—covering 3,409 acres, and providing homeport for 22 ships, five helicopter squadrons, and approximately 16,010 sailors and civilians. Mayport's operational composition is unique, with a large harbor and an 8,000-foot runway that can handle any aircraft in the Department of Defense (DoD).

As a major surface and air warfare organization, the NAVSTA Mayport mission is to sustain and enhance warfighter readiness by providing support to the Fleet and to Sailors. In 1987, NAVSTA Mayport was homeport to 37 ships, including two aircraft carriers. At that time, there were 18,726 active duty personnel assigned to the station. During the 1990s, the number of homeported ships dropped to 19. In recent years, the number of ships homeported at NAVSTA Mayport has fluctuated between approximately 19 and 25 total ships.

NAVSTA Mayport currently hosts more than 68 tenant commands including the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy; 21 other naval ships including frigates, destroyers, and cruisers; and 5 Light Airborne Multi-Purpose Systems (LAMPS) Mark III helicopter squadrons. NAVSTA Mayport is also the operational and training headquarters for the SH-60B Seahawk LAMPS MK III with a primary mission of Anti-Submarine Warfare.

Navy Commands at NAVSTA Mayport

AFLOAT TRAINING GROUP

Afloat Training Group Mayport provides dynamic, quality training to Navy and Coast Guard sailors to ensure forces are proficient in maritime missions.

AIRCRAFT INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE DETACHMENT

The Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment is one of two T700-GE-401C jet engine repair facilities on the East Coast. It has received many accolades for its outstanding support of the SH-60B Seahawk LAMP MK III helicopter intermediate level repair activity on the East Coast.

COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES SOUTHERN COMMAND (COMUSNAVSO)

COMUSNAVSO is the naval component to Southern Command and commands naval forces in the southern hemisphere which includes 30 countries, 12 dependencies, and nearly 16 million square nautical miles. When required, COMUSNAVSO responds to crises to maintain regional stability and protect U.S. national interests.



COMMANDER, CARRIER STRIKE GROUP (CCSG) 6

CCSG 6 is an afloat commander with both operational and administrative responsibilities. It has command of:

- USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67);
- USS Hue City (CG 66) and USS Vicksburg (CG 69) (homeported in Mayport, FL); and
- Carrier Air Wing 17 (based predominantly in Oceana, VA).

CCSG 6 also maintains administrative and operational control over Destroyer Squadron 24.

COMMANDER, STRIKE FORCE TRAINING ATLANTIC (CSFTL)

CSFTL is an operational staff with officers drawn from all warfare areas that plan, direct, and execute a wide range of assignments. If required, CSFTL could transition into a Cruiser-Destroyer Strike Group to support a deploying nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. CSFTL is responsible for the execution of all fleet carrier, expeditionary and strike force training with the role of preparing Strike Groups for deployment.

COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON 14

Commander, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 14 is a non-deploying staff consisting of eleven frigates and one cruiser. The majority of the DESRON 14 ships carry out missions in the Caribbean and waters surrounding South America, such as counter-drug operations and exercises with South American allies, but they are also available to support Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups, Surface Strike Groups, Standing Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Maritime Group, and Surge deployments.

COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON 24

Commander, DESRON 24 is a tactical destroyer squadron consisting of three destroyers and two frigates, charged with commanding assigned ships for naval air and sea control missions. When deployed, the squadrons are usually assigned anti-submarine or anti-surface warfare commander duties within a carrier battle group. While in Mayport, Commander, DESRON 24 staff support the training and readiness needs of assigned ships, including support of CSFTL in the training of future deployers. DESRON 24 ships also supplement other strike groups for deployment or other operational tasking (high priority port visits, training, exercises).

COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON 40

Commander, DESRON 40 is a tactical destroyer squadron consisting of 22 active duty personnel which is supported by two reserve units. DESRON 40 is assigned to Commander, US Naval Forces Southern Command and deploys primarily to the Southern Command Area of Responsibility. DESRON 40 does not have ships permanently attached but embarks ships as required to conduct operations and exercises. The squadron deploys annually and participates in events with the naval forces from Chile, Peru, and other exercises in support of the defense of the Panama Canal. The squadron also deploys with Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups.



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MAINTENANCE CENTER

Southeast Regional Maintenance Center (SERMC) is NAVSTA Mayport's largest tenant command. Over 1,000 military and civilian personnel provide all levels of maintenance and repair support to ships of the Atlantic Fleet. The mission of SERMC is to ensure the readiness of all surface ships assigned within the geographical area in support of their capability to perform prompt, sustained combat operations at sea as dictated by national policy.

THE HELICOPTER ANTI-SUBMARINE LIGHT (HSL) COMMUNITY

In addition to more than 20 ships, NAVSTA Mayport proudly hosts the Navy's East Coast Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light (HSL) community. The Wing consists of approximately 1,900 personnel and has a total of 72 SH-60B aircraft assigned. These squadrons operate the Seahawk helicopter and deploy in one or two aircraft detachments aboard destroyers, cruisers, and frigates. The detachments provide their respective ships with extensive capabilities in Anti-Submarine Warfare and Anti-Surface Warfare.

TRAINING SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

The training support department supports fleet training with seven different training centers:

- Center for Naval Engineering;
- Center for Surface Combat Systems;
- Center for Anti-Terrorism and Naval Security Forces;
- Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training;
- Center for Naval Leadership;
- Center for Information Technologies; and
- Center for Personal Development



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